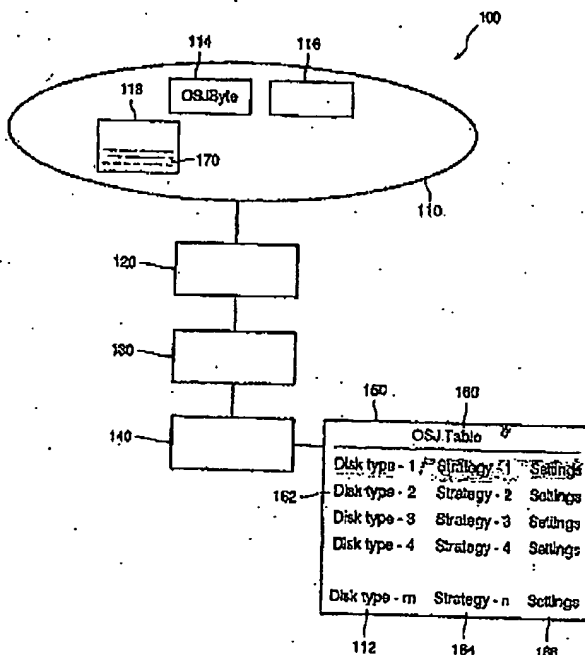




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(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a method and recording device for selecting an optimal write strategy for a specific type of optical recording disk. Such an optimal write strategy is selected even when the optical recording disk is of a type that has not been previously encountered or when the optical recording disk is otherwise unrecognized by an optical disk drive. The optimal write strategy and associated settings are selected from a set of write strategies stored in a disk drive. The disk drive bases its selection of the write strategy on the performance results of test writings conducted on the optical disk. The method entails testing the write strategies first at the maximum possible write speed and if necessary, at successively lower speeds until a write strategy that achieves a minimum acceptable write quality is identified or until the minimum write speed is reached. The selected optimal write strategy may be stored in the recording device or, alternatively, on the optical recording disk itself.

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Method of selecting a write strategy from a set of write strategies by recording a test pattern using all the write strategies, in which at least two distinguishable sets of settings are applied for each write strategy.

2. Claims: 10-12, 13-16 dependent on 10-12

Method of selecting a write strategy from a set of write strategies by recording a test pattern at a first write speed, characterised in that the test is repeated at a lower write speed if none of the results of the first test achieve a minimum acceptable write quality.

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